

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

(A) an image sensing device;

(B) a signal processing device for performing a first image sensing operation for making said image sensing device perform an image sensing operation in an exposure state to obtain a sensed image signal, and a second image sensing operation for making said image sensing device perform an image sensing operation in accordance with said first image sensing operation in a non-exposure state to obtain a sensed image signal, and processing the sensed image signal obtained by the first image sensing operation by the sensed image signal obtained by the second image sensing operation[, wherein said signal processing device changes method of the second image sensing operation to the first image sensing operation in response to the instruction of said instruction device]; and

(C) an instruction device for instructing to execute a predetermined plurality times of image sensing operations with different image sensing times of said first image sensing operation,

wherein said signal processing device selects an image sensing time of said different image sensing times of said first image sensing operations executed the plurality times of image sensing operations in response to the instruction of said instruction device, and performs said second image sensing operation for the plurality times of image sensing operations in accordance with the selected image sensing time, and further processes the plurality of sensed

image signal obtained with said different image sensing times by the sensed image signal obtained by the second image sensing operation.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

a storage device for storing the sensed image signal of the second image sensing operation according to the selected image sensing time.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said signal processing device processes the sensed image signal obtained by the first image sensing operation on the basis of the sensed image signal stored in said storage device in image sensing operations other than the predetermined one of the plurality times of image sensing operations.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said signal processing device selects a longest image sensing time of the first image sensing operation of the plurality times of image sensing operations in response to the instruction of said instruction device, and makes the second image sensing operation for the plurality times of image sensing operations in accordance with the selected image sensing time.

6. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

a storage device for storing the sensed image signal of the second image sensing operation according to the selected image sensing time.

7. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein said signal processing device processes the sensed image signal obtained by the first image sensing operation on the basis of the sensed image signal stored in said storage device in image sensing operations other than the longest image sensing time of the first image sensing operation of the plurality times of image sensing operations.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said signal processing device designates an image sensing time of the first image sensing operation of a predetermined image sensing operation in response to the instruction of said instruction device, and makes the second image sensing operation for the plurality times of image sensing operations in accordance with the designated image sensing time.

9. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:
a storage device for storing the sensed image signal of the second image sensing operation according to the designated image sensing time.

10. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said signal processing device processes the sensed image signal obtained by the first image sensing operation on the basis of the sensed image signal stored in said storage device in image sensing operations other than the predetermined one of the plurality of image sensing operations.

11. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said apparatus includes a camera.

12. (Original) An apparatus comprising:

(A) an image sensing device;

(B) a signal processing device for performing a first image sensing operation for making said image sensing device perform an image sensing operation in an exposure state to obtain a sensed image signal, and a second image sensing operation for making said image sensing device perform an image sensing operation in a non-exposure state to obtain a sensed image signal, and processing the sensed image signal obtained by the first image sensing operation by the sensed image signal obtained by the second image sensing operation, wherein said signal processing device inhibiting the second image sensing operation from being made for each image sensing operation in response to the instruction of said instruction device; and

(C) an instruction device for instructing to execute a predetermined plurality times of image sensing operations with different image sensing times of said first image sensing operation.

13. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said signal processing device selects an image sensing time of the first image sensing operation of a predetermined one of the plurality times of image sensing operations in response to the instruction of said instruction device, and makes the second image sensing operation for the plurality times of image sensing operations in accordance with the selected image sensing time.

14. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 13, further comprising:

a storage device for storing the sensed image signal of the second image sensing operation according to the selected image sensing time.

15. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 14, wherein said signal

processing device processes the sensed image signal obtained by the first image sensing operation on the basis of the sensed image signal stored in said storage device in image sensing operations other than the predetermined one of the plurality times of image sensing operations.

16. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said signal

processing device selects a longest image sensing time of the first image sensing operation of the plurality times of image sensing operations in response to the instruction of said instruction device, and makes the second image sensing operation for the plurality times of image sensing operations in accordance with the selected image sensing time.

17. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 16, further comprising:

a storage device for storing the sensed image signal of the second image sensing operation according to the selected image sensing time.

18. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein said signal

processing device processes the sensed image signal obtained by the first image sensing operation on the basis of the sensed image signal stored in said storage device in image sensing

operations other than the longest image sensing time of the first image sensing operation predetermined one of the plurality times of image sensing operations.

19. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said signal processing device designates an image sensing time of the first image sensing operation of a predetermined image sensing operation in response to the instruction of said instruction device, and makes the second image sensing operation for the plurality times of image sensing operation in accordance with the designated image sensing time.

20. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising:
a storage device for storing the sensed image signal of the second image sensing operation according to the designated image sensing time.

21. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein said signal processing device processes the sensed image signal obtained by the first image sensing operation on the basis of the sensed image signal stored in said storage device in image sensing operations other than the predetermined one of the plurality of image sensing operations.

22. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said apparatus includes a camera.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the instruction corresponds to a particular operation mode from a plurality of first operation modes of the image sensing device.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the instruction corresponds to a particular operation mode from a plurality of first operation modes of the image sensing device.